

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : TERASHIMA et al.  
Serial No. : 08/964,257  
Confirm. No. : 2047  
Filed : November 4, 1997  
For : APPARATUS EQUIPPED...  
Art Unit : 2625  
Examiner : M. Nguyen  
Dated : April 30, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated November 1, 2006 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired February 1, 2007.

Since the attached response is being filed within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$1,020.00 (fee code 1253).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.